

XXVIII. *Extract of a Register of the Barometer, Thermometer, and Rain, at Lyndon in Rutland, 1773, by T. Barker, Esq; Communicated by Sir John Pringle, Bart. P. R. S.*

Redde, February 17, 1774.

		Barometer.			Thermometer.						Rain.
		Highest.	Lowest.	Mean.	In the house.			Abroad.			
					High.	Low.	Mean.	High.	Low.	Mean.	
Jan.	Morn.	29.96	28.30	29.40	45½	33	40	45	22	35	1.131
	Aftern.				46	35	41	50	29	40	
Feb.	Morn.	30.24	28.30	29.48	44	31½	38	46	19½	32	1.458
	Aftern.				45	33	39	50	29	39	
Mar.	Morn.	30.08	29.28	29.75	52	39½	44	46	25½	35½	0.561
	Aftern.				53	40	45	62	37	47	
April	Morn.	30.10	28.63	29.48	53	39½	47	49	28	40	0.603
	Aftern.				54	40½	48½	62	38½	51	
May	Morn.	30.04	29.14	29.47	60½	45½	51	56½	31	44	6.843
	Aftern.				63	47	52	70	41	54½	
June	Morn.	29.86	29.03	29.53	64	55	58½	61	46	53	2.389
	Aftern.				65	55½	59½	75	52½	63½	
July	Morn.	29.93	29.36	29.66	65	54	59½	63	46	54½	1.077
	Aftern.				69	56	61½	73½	58	66½	
Aug.	Morn.	29.87	29.13	29.63	68½	57	62	61	48	55	3.379
	Aftern.				73	59	65	81	59	69½	
Sept.	Morn.	29.73	28.77	29.39	63½	51	56	56½	36½	49	2.812
	Aftern.				64	52	57½	70	53	60	
Oct.	Morn.	29.92	28.71	29.40	57	49	52	56	32	44	2.621
	Aftern.				57½	49½	53	60½	43	53	
Nov.	Morn.	29.89	28.00	29.18	50	37	44	52	23	37	3.605
	Aftern.				51	37½	45	56½	31	42	
Dec.	Morn.	29.80	28.62	29.23	45½	36½	41½	45	27	36½	2.897
	Aftern.				46	37	42	49	31	39½	

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The first part of 1773 was very favourable ; the winter was mild ; there were frosts, but no severe ones. The latter part of February was stormy, and wet ; but, from thence to the beginning of May, there was a great deal of fine weather, dry, and a very good seed time ; and the grain came up very friendly : yet the dryness of the season, and several frosty mornings, even till near the middle of May, made the grass, and other things, very backward.

The beginning of May many were apprehensive of a drought, and the first rains were very acceptable ; but so exceedingly wet a fortnight followed, with great floods, and the fens drowned, that all were as much tired of rain, as before they desired it, and the crops of grain never recovered it. In the rest of the year there were many fits of great wet, but intermixed with fits of fair and fine. The wet of May was beyond example at that time of year. Just the end of May, and almost half June, were pretty fine ; but then came wet again, till the beginning of July. The longest fine season was the chief part of July and August, and in that time the great crop of hay was well got, as also the first part of harvest ; and some rains, at times, kept things in a growing state. The latter part of harvest, in September, was wet, but not so bad as last year, and the harvest was more hindered than hurt by it. The wheat seed-time, in the middle of October, was good ; but most part of the autumn was wet, especially the latter part of October, and first half of November. Toward the latter part of November, there was a smart, but short, frost ; and another longer, but more broken, the beginning of Decem-

ber ; and, by the middle of that month, the ground was got considerably drier than it had been ; but it grew very wet again, and misty, till three sharp frosty days concluded the year.

This year was much too wet for corn ; the barley was almost every where bad ; the wheat and beans looked better in the field ; but most sorts of grain, when they came to be threshed, this year yielded less corn, than was expected ; and it continues to be dear, and is too likely to be so, while the seasons are so wet as they have of late years been.